

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

SB 1596 - HB 1456

January 23, 2014

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires all methamphetamine-related charges for the manufacture, delivery, sale, or possession of a controlled substance or for simple possession be charged under a specific subsection and mention that methamphetamine was involved. The bill does not affect the penalty for any current offense.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- The bill does not affect the penalty or classification of any current crime. It merely requires the charging entity to charge meth-related drug offenses under specific subsections of Tenn. Code Ann. § 39-17-417 and -418 and to note that meth was involved in the offense.
- According to the District Attorneys General Conference, the District Public Defenders Conference, and the Administrative Office of the Courts, the bill will not increase criminal caseloads in Tennessee.
- Any impact to the courts, the district attorneys, and public defenders can be accommodated within existing resources.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lucian D. Geise".

Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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